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Attorney Docket No.	6204-00136
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Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUSTOMIZING A MULTIPLE COMPONENT PET FOOD
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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. Application claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27
3. Specification [Total Pages 21]
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 3]
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- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
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